Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The matter was again fully investigated by the Chief Engineer. In view of the prohibitive cost involved Government consider that the question should lie over for the present.

(b) The backwaters around Kadakkara do not wholly belong to the Cochin State. The construction of the bund suggested besides being of doubtful benefit will be further complicated by interstatal interests.

(c) Vide answer to (a).

Punishment—boat owners.

509. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എം. ഇബ്രാഹിം.—ബോട്ടുകാരുടെ സമാധാനം ആവശ്യപ്പെടാതെ അവരെ രക്ഷിച്ചുവരുന്നുണ്ടോ എന്നും, അങ്ങനെയുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ആ ബോട്ടുകളുടെ പേരു വിവരം എന്തൊക്കെയാണെന്നും പറവാൻ ഗവൺമെൻറിനു് ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ.—സമാധാനം വേണ്ട സംഗതികളിൽ ആയതു് ആവശ്യപ്പെടാതെ രക്ഷയ്ക്കു പതിവില്ല.

Buildings—Ramavarmapuram.

510. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Chief Engineer had submitted any plan containing the entire lay out of the buildings required for the Residential College at Ramavarmapuram before the Ex-Diwan laid the foundation stone of the buildings there;

(i) if so, when and whether it contained the detailed plan of each and every building intended to be constructed there;

(ii) if not, which were the buildings contained in the plan or plans submitted by him before the laying of the foundation stone:

(b) whether detailed estimates for all buildings intended to be constructed at Ramavarmapuram had been prepared and submitted by the Chief Engineer, before laying the foundation stone; if not, why not;

(c) whether the University of Madras sanctioned the college scheme at Ramavarmapuram before the plans of all the buildings were submitted to them for approval;

(d) whether the Chief Engineer allowed to proceed with the construction of works at Ramavarmapuram before the formal sanction of the Diwan; and if so, what was the cause for such a hurry;

(e) whether there was any particular reason to start with the construction of the hostel buildings first at Ramavarmapuram instead of starting with the college buildings proper?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) A site plan showing the entire lay out was submitted by the Chief Engineer.

(i) The lay out plan referred to in the above answer did not contain the final designs of all the buildings proposed to be constructed.

(ii) The four Dormitory buildings.

(b) No. Only detailed plans and estimates for the Dormitory buildings were submitted. The rest was proposed to be taken up in groups in succession consistent with the allotment for each year.

(c) The University Syndicate approved the site at Ramavarmapuram for the location of the College.

(d) No.

(e) Because the plans and estimates for these buildings were prepared first.

Shifting College—Ramavarmapuram.

511. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether the public of Cochin have been consulted in any manner in the matter of arriving at the decision to shift the College to Ramavarmapuram; and if so, when and how; and if not, why not;

(2) who decided to transfer the College to Ramavarmapuram (names of persons responsible for the final decision be given) and when;

(3) whether any enquiry had been made to ascertain whether the College could be extended at Ernakulam itself before it was decided to shift to Ramavarmapuram;

(4) whether the Government have taken any steps to ascertain public opinion on the desirability or otherwise of shifting the College to Ramavarmapuram before the Diwan Mr. Narayana Ayyar laid the foundation stone of the college buildings there;

(5) what justification they had in view when they decided to deprive Ernakulam of the Maharaja's College without taking public opinion on the matter;

(6) whether the Government has not published their proceedings just on the eve of the last election (of Members of the Legislative Council) to the effect that the matter of the transfer of the College would depend entirely upon the decision of the Council?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) The decision to shift the College to Ramavarmapuram was based on the report of the First Grade College Committee appointed by the Government in 1100. The

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